

Mildred Schwab and Oran Milner recently celebrated their birthdays at the Andbe Home. Attending were LaVerne Milner, Andbe Home; Bee Nelson, Wayne and Norma MacCallister, Norcatour; Mike MacCallister, Hays; and Robb MacCallister and Matt, Holcomb. Everyone enjoyed the cake and ice cream.

Stephen and Laci Grunert Biltanize are the parents of a son, Travis Blake, born July 21, 2012, in Spring, Texas. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Travis has a brother, Bryce Evan. His grandparents are Pastor Eric and Robin (Rapp) Norris of Manhattan. He is the 14th great-grandchild of Bonnie Rapp and the late Bob Rapp.

Twelve players were present at Senior Citizens card playing on July 20. Al and Mary Sedlmayer provided refreshments. Winners were Rea Magers, Gust Foth and Mary Sedlmayer. They will play again at 1 p.m., Aug. 3 at the Norcatour Methodist Church Educational Building.

Birthday wishes go out to: Stan Miller, July 25; Devonna New, July 26; Doris Auken, July 27; Kaitlyn Stapp, July 28

Deb Marshall saw, what she is convinced was, a black panther. She was driving to work when a large black cat crossed the road, less than 100 yards in front of her. She said it was much too large to be a bob

cat. She said it had a damaged tail that was only about half the length it should have been. She said there was no mistaking it for anything but what it was – a black panther.

Justine Tuttle's softball team took third place in the tournament held July 22.

Wentz Service Station and D & M Service have started a fuel fund for the Matt Kuhlman family as they will be making frequent trips to Omaha where their son, Eric, will be undergoing treatment for cancer. You may send your donations to Wentz Service, P.O. Box 130, Norcatour, Kan. 67653 or bring your donations to the station. The Kuhlmans will be credited in fuel for the amount donated. The family will also be made aware of your donations.

Another fund for Eric has been established at the First State Bank in Norton. Donations will be used to help with meals, lodging and anything associated with the family's weekly trips to Omaha. Treatment is expected to last six months.

Progress on the town's new water well continues. The city is asking for all residents to be patient and understand that there will be times when parts of the town will be without water.

Lots of people have been working to beautify Norcatour. Jodi Lyon maintains the large flower beds on the north side of the City building.

Jodi and Carol New also cleaned up the planters at Auken Park. Jerry Hill and Rodney O'Hare have been carrying water to all the trees that line Decatur Avenue.

Dewaiane Stapp and Charlotte Meints began a vacation by having lunch in Minden, Neb., with his sister and husband, Delores and Dick Longwith. They met Dewaiane's son, Randy Stapp and his wife, Karen, at Mount Vernon, Ind., and went with them to New York City for the weekend. Later, Dewaiane and Charlotte drove to Troy, Ohio, to visit his granddaughter and her husband, Kimberly and Matt Tetrick and 18-month old Claire. The next stop was Decatur, Ill., to visit another grandson, Christopher Stapp. They noticed severe drought in every state they traveled.

Word was received of the death of Roger McChesney, a former Norcatour resident. He died June 18 after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by a daughter Julia (Don) Ray and grandchildren Farra, Shay, Jessop and Adric, all of Oberlin; a step-son, Michael Martin and a sister, Mary Ellen (Dan) Bourquin, Alliance, Neb.

Book Potpourri met at the library July 18 with six attending to discuss the books they are reading. The next meeting is Aug. 15. Everyone is welcome.

English muffins for Olympics

The Olympics are always fascinating to me. I love watching athletes try their hardest to reach the best lifetime performance. Here is a food that relates back historically to England, home of the 2012 Olympics.

English muffins are round, flat and about 3 to 4 inches in diameter. The yeasted dough is soft and baked on a griddle. Commercially, English muffins come in many flavors including sourdough, whole wheat, raisin, cinnamon and cornmeal.

English muffins are fork-split and gently pulled apart to create peaks and craters to hold melted butter and jam. Toast them to add a crunchy texture.

To make your own, here's a recipe using rapid rise yeast. They are baked on a skillet.

Skillet English Muffins
Makes: 12 Muffins
3 cups all purpose flour
1 Tablespoon sugar
1 envelope rapid rise yeast
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups very warm water
3 Tablespoons butter or margarine (120-130 degrees F) (softened)
yellow cornmeal

Directions:
Combine 1 cup flour, sugar, undissolved yeast and salt in a large mixing bowl. Gradually add water and butter to flour mixture. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scrapping bowl occasionally. Add 1 cup flour; beat 2 minutes at high speed. Stir in remaining flour to make a thick batter. Cover; let rest 10 minutes.

Heat a lightly greased griddle or skillet to medium (350 degrees F). Coat 3-1/2-inch round cookie cutters with cooking spray and place



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Regional Extension Agent

on skillet. Spoon 1/3 cup batter into cookie cutters; spread batter to fill cutter. Sprinkle with cornmeal. Cook muffins for 5 minutes. Carefully remove cookie cutters with tongs. Using pancake spatula, turn over muffins and cook for 5 minutes longer, or until lightly browned. (To speed cooking, cover with foil or the skillet lid.) Cool on wire racks.

To serve, split muffins in half and toast.

Recipe Tip No. 1: To cook several muffins at a time, use multiple cookie cutters, or 8-ounce cans such as crushed pineapple emptied and opened at both ends, or canning

jar rings. Recipe Tip No. 2: English muffins can also be baked. To bake, place cookie cutter or round molds on greased baking sheet and spoon in batter as directed above.

Bake in preheated 350 degrees F oven for 20 to 25 minutes.

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Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

This week during Storytelling Club we once again used "TimeSlips" a creative method of communication that opens storytelling up to everyone by replacing the pressure to remember with encouragement to imagine. The stories capture the hopes, dreams, regrets, fears, humor and desires of people with any level memory loss, and helps them connect with staff, family and friends.

Loren Schrock with daughter Cheryl Miller, Amy Rehm, Alice Bobbitt, Betty May, Evelyn Olson, Connie Cramer, Phil Erickson and Leone Porsch came together to write another fantastical story. Be sure to visit our display in the 4-H Building at the fair!

When you walk through the doors at Good Sam, it is our hope that you will see, hear and experience another story being lived out in this place; it's the greatest story ever told, the story of Jesus. We truly believe that "In Christ's Love Everyone is Someone" and our single most mission is to share God's Love in word and deed to all who step through our doors.

Every day begins with devotions, a time for us to gather together to start each morning focused on God's unfailing grace, love and provision. Eva Bryan, Eulaine Benda, Myrtle Ross, Amy Rehm, Alice Bobbitt, Walt and Betty May, Evelyn Olson, Connie Cramer, Phil Erickson, Opal Bryan, Leone Porsch, Shirley Hayward, Leona Helmkamp, Violet Schissler, Earl and Elsie Winder, Dorothy Hunt, Margaret Vacura and Olive Arnold faithfully come.

Tuesday, Rosary is held for our Catholic family members, Vera Kacirek, Bonnie Wescamp and Marcella Leitner and again on Thursday, Father Mark and other parish members came for Mass and Communion.

Wednesday, the roof was raised

in Town Square with the beautiful sound of worship and praise songs led by Anita Hirsch singing and Marilyn Horn's piano accompaniment.

Thursday, Bible Study members, Eva Bryan, Eulaine Benda, Leona Helmkamp, Myrtle Ross, Amy Rehm, Alice Bobbitt, Walt and Betty May, Evelyn Olson, Phil Erickson and Leone Porsch came to hear a study based on Jeremiah 29:11.

On Friday, Frank McEvoy got the guys (Phil Erickson, Elden Haas and Earl Winder) together for some round table coffee talk. The discussion this week centered on an amazing drawing of a '57 Chevy drawn on the back of a calendar by a young man in prison. Another Bingo quarter ministry opportunity just presented itself... stay tuned!

Sunday, Pastor John Paulson brought "A Lion Story" as his sermon message. Yes, we love to tell the story of Jesus and His love!

We hope our guests this week were as blessed by being here as we were by their coming! Rhys, Meghan, Cerys, Lisa and Gareth Davis, Sandra Grade (Norcatour), Lyle Auken and Babe Hawkins for **Doris Auken** as she celebrated her 85th Birthday. Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Mert McEvoy and Ralph and Norma Unger for **Lucy Schissler** and **Earl Brown**. Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Gerald Benda for **Eulaine Benda**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**. Jerry Hill for **Cheryl Hill**. Susie Sabatka (Atwood) for **Vera Kacirek**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Gene Leitner for **Marcella Leitner**. Rose Riffle and Pat Fringer for **Roxie Pomeroy**. Pat Fringer and Jody Betts for **Margaret Vacura**. Helen

Brooks and Betty Heisel for **Ethel Nemeth**. Pat Foley for **Lee Foley**.

The Essence of a Disciple Roy Matthewson, Lund Covenant

What difference does faith in Christ bring, other than some psychological benefit? Is church membership similar to joining a supper club, the Decatur County Co-op, or being on the Sappa Park Commission? Questions like these are at the center of the objections many non-Christians have to faith. They do not see any practical value because they do not see the difference faith makes in the lives of professed Christians. And they have a point. They do not see us living the joyful, abundant lives promised to Christ's disciples.

Curt Peterson, the director of World Mission for the Evangelical Covenant Church, recently said that when it is most effective, life as a disciple has a rhythm to it. The Bible is full of imagery where people are with God and Jesus and then working on behalf of Jesus in prayer, scripture reading, worship, singing, studying, fasting, etc. There must also be times of service for and with others under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit. If the Christian life does not contain this balance we will not find joy in service and will eventually burn out, or we will not be in service and will wonder why we do not experience the abundant life Christ promised.

From this it is clear that Christians can do all the right things for all the wrong reasons. We simply assume that if we're doing church work, or even engaged in spiritual disciplines, we must be following God's will. But that is not exactly true. Doing church work without the awareness of the Lord's will means we are not actually ministering in Christ's name. At best we are telling the Lord what to do. At worst, we are just going through the motions. Since even Jesus could not do anything without the Father's guidance

(John 5:19), we must renew our hearts and minds so that we are in tune with that will. Until we get in tune with what God is already doing, we will be frustrated in our efforts.

Furthermore, unless Christians are in tune with God's will, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, even our best efforts to lower perceived barriers to the faith will be fruitless. There are numerous methods in which the Church in Northwest Kansas can attempt to reach out to the un-churched for Christ. Different programs, ministries, and worship styles can be adopted in an effort to demonstrate relevance. But if we don't start at the starting point, we will most likely miss the mark. The starting point is the call to make disciples. To do that, we must be disciples.

Getting our hearts and minds in tune with God's will is the essence of being a disciple. Life in Christ as a disciple is the best possible way to live. It is joyful. It sees abundance and plenty even when everyone around us sees only want. It sees opportunities when others see obstacles. To know this reality we need to change the way we think in order to fully reclaim that old way of life. In so doing we will begin to lower barriers that keep non-Christians from becoming engaged with the Church. When we know the abundant joy and practical benefits found in relationship with Christ, others will want it as well. Those benefits are found in discipleship to Christ.

Cyprian of Carthage said, "Outside the Church there is no salvation." The various congregations in Northwest Kansas and Southern Nebraska that make up the Church Cyprian spoke of can guide you to the resources necessary to grow as a disciple. Through them you can experience the joy and abundance of salvation.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m. Saturday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10:00 Sunday

JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor: Barbara Patterson
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
DRESDEN
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Nancy Proffitt
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor: Dennis Brown
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST 102 North Cass — 785-475-3067
The Rev. Nancy Proffitt
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.m.

OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
The Rev. Royce Leitner
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastor: Judi Stricker
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
SUNDAY: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Choir practice every Sun. at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship

OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Gene Gee
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.,

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ed Woods
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Fellowship and coffee time; 10:00 a.m. Praise and Worship time, with Weekly Lords Supper, Multi-media Bible sermons & open bible studies combined. Private Bible studies on request.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
Fr. Nick Parker
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor: Keith Reuther
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.m.

NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ed Woods
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

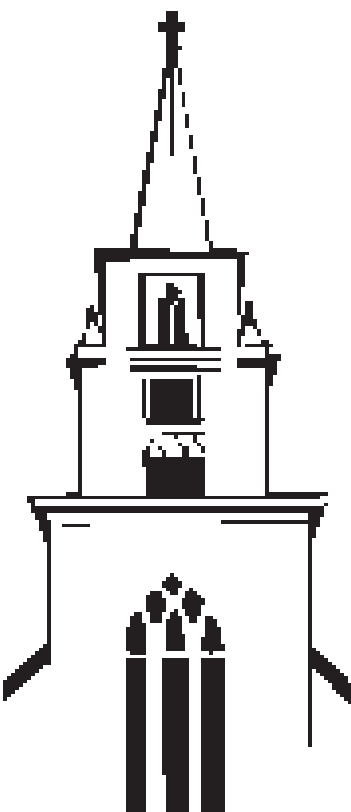
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Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson
810 West Cedar, Oberlin
Office Phone 785-475-2769
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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